GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ERADICATION OF BLINDNESS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have been given rights to provide grants to the Non-Governmentai Organisations working for eradication of blindness;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the proposals received under the programme for eradication of blindness;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the funds allocated for the said purpose during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b): Yes Sir. The schemes for release of grant to Non-Governmental Organisations has been decentralized to States since 2005-06 under the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB). The details of the decentralized schemes are as under:-
i) Non-recurring grant-in-aid for expansion/up-gradation of eye care units for underserved population.

ii) Non-recurring grant-in-aid for setting-up/strengthening of Eye Banks and Eye donation Centres.

iii) Non-recurring grant-in-aid for setting up/strengthening Vision Centres.

iv) Recurring grant-in-aid for performing free cataract operations in hospitals.

v) Recurring grant-in-aid to Eye Banks and Eye Donation Centres.

(c)to(e): Funds are released to States/UTs as per the requirement for implementation of various Eye Care activities under the National Programme for Control of Blindness. A statement showing allocation of funds to State/UTs for eradication of blindness during the last three years is ANNEXED.